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I have just re-read your areas of concern and wish to add comments:

(1). Regarding required membership in our bar association: We lawyers are considered a learned profession and not primarily commerce-based. With the bottom-lined mentality that has hit our current times, it is especially important to have a strong and unified bar association that can provide, advocate and enforce ethical practices, without which the practice of law could easily stray outside of the lines and undermine the public's confidence in our system of law.

(2) I believe it is the obligation of the bar association to take positions on public policy concerning our system of justice. In fact, I believe it is a necessity. Traditionally, these positions have stood the tests of time because of their logical and functional historical application. In this politically-polarized time in our nation's history, it is important not to allow the relatively few dissenters to silence the rationale analysis by learned leaders, regardless of which political view it favors.

Like religion, political views have no place in the administration of law and lawyers.

Thank you.

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